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THE BULLETIN IN 1945

Back in August of 1931 appeared the first Louisiana Library Association Bulletin, with this editorial comment:

"The purpose of the Louisiana Library Association Bulletin is primarily to establish a connecting link between the various libraries of the State and to form a means of intercommunication among them. The Bulletin will grow in size, and, we hope, in usefulness, as time goes on. Its size will naturally depend on the support given it by members of the Association . . ."

How true these words are, today, when the future fate of the Bulletin hangs in balance. In the interval between August 1931 and March 1936, six issues appeared, with the Association being assisted both in financing and in the actual work of preparation of material by the Louisiana Library Commission, the Louisiana State University Library and the Tulane University Library; and with this comment being voiced more than once: "There has been considerable regret on the part of the editor of the Bulletin because of the inability to produce more frequent numbers of the Bulletin. Almost another year has passed without escaping into print due to the fact that there have been other things demanding attention and also because material for the Bulletin has not been forthcoming as expected."

In October, 1937, Robert J. Usher, librarian of the Howard Tilton Library, took over the task of editorship. Mr. Usher gave generously of his time and effort, until the time of his final illness and death this past summer; and again the Association is faced with providing ways and means, if it wishes to continue its official organ. The present issue is in the nature of an emergency job, a tide-over until permanent plans can be formulated by the Association membership.

Do you, as a member of the Association, feel that the Bulletin should be continued as an important Association activity? Much that is of interest in the library world is happening in Louisiana. Would you not like to see these matters permanently recorded not only for the professional benefit of those working for library advancement in our State but also to gain outside recognition for accomplishment for Louisiana?

The 1945 fate of the Bulletin will be decided at the Hammond convention. Please be prepared to contribute your thought on the value of this Association activity, and on what arrangements are justified should the Bulletin be continued.

LOMA KNIGHTEN, President.

1945 CONVENTION CANCELLED

*War Regulations Effect Meeting Planned For
February*

Much planning went into the 1945 annual convention of the Louisiana Library Association, set by the Executive Board of the Association for Hammond on February 9 and 10. Due to new regulations of the Office of Defense Transportation, in a war-time effort to relieve travel congestion, preparations for the meeting have been discontinued and the entire event cancelled. Naturally, there is much disappointment among Louisiana library forces that a meeting with its beneficial effects of interchange of professional information and stimulation is not possible at this time; however, public sentiment is such that no group should gather when the program of this group can move forward through other means.

For all too long, the Louisiana Library Association has meant merely an annual meet-

ing and a bulletin to the rank and file of the membership. The opportunity is now ours to develop other Association activities. The Hammond meeting was to have emphasized the workings of three vital committees: Adult Education, State Planning and Public Relations. It is hoped that these committees, without benefit of annual meeting, will launch programs which will prove significant to Association membership.

The Executive Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank persons who, within the last few weeks, have been active in preparations for the Hammond meeting. Hammond was selected as the convention city because of the invitation coming from librarians in the city and in Tangipahoa Parish. Local persons, like Miss Frances Moak, as chairman of

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PAY DUES NOW

Adequate plans for Libraries in the post-war world can be made only by an alert, aggressive Association, made strong by a large membership. The Louisiana Library Association needs the membership, active cooperation, and loyal support of every librarian and interested citizen of the State.

In order to arouse community interest and obtain cooperation of the public in the active library program of the times to come, librarians must be well informed as to developments in their field. The Bulletin is the official organ of the Association, and is mailed to all members.

Join the Association, and receive 1945 Bulletins to keep abreast with Louisiana library affairs.

Personal membership is \$1.00 annually, and institutional membership is \$2.00. Send dues to the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Miss Frances Flanders, Librarian, Neville High School, Monroe, Louisiana.

ROBERT J. USHER, 1880-1944

A Tribute from a Friend and Colleague

Mr. Robert J. Usher, Librarian of the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library of Tulane University, died at his New Orleans home on August 4, 1944. Because of my long and intimate association with Mr. Usher, I have been asked to write something about the life and career of a Louisiana Librarian who accomplished so much in a life devoted entirely to librarianship. Born in South Wayne, Wisconsin, July 10, 1880, he had what may well be termed a most remarkable history. Modest and unassuming he accomplished much in a quiet way and was respected and appreciated by all who met him. His was truly a life of real service. Not one of his least services to his profession was his volunteer work as editor of the Bulletin of the Louisiana Library Association from the first number in October, 1937, through the year 1943-44, the first seven volumes of this Journal.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1907. He began his library career there as an assistant in the University library in 1904 and served as a regular member of the staff of that library two years before his appointment as Assistant Reference Librarian of the John Crerar Library, of Chicago, in 1909, in which position he remained until 1914, when appointed as Superintendent of Circulation at the University of California Library. In 1917, he was recalled to the Crerar as Reference Librarian, a position he filled until June, 1927, when selected as Librarian of the Howard Memorial Library in New Orleans. His excellent background and the wonderful expansion of the facilities and services of the Howard Library under his able direction, after hard and consistent work, soon attracted more than local attention. So there was no surprise when he was selected as Librarian of the Tulane University Library and then came the stupendous task of planning a building in which could be combined the collections of Howard and Tilton Memorial Libraries. He was given the exec-

utive direction of the combined libraries of Tulane, Howard and Newcomb.

The planning of the successful merger of the Tulane and Howard libraries enabled Usher to demonstrate and prove his administrative ability. The resultant building was a real master stroke, which meant the overcoming of many legal obstacles, as well as leading to a decision of the Tulane Board to build a structure adequate for many years to come, containing the most modern provision for collections as well as for the convenience and comfort of readers. The two corporations made an agreement whereby they could join collections and services and still maintain their legal entities. The plan involved separation of book stock with separate catalogs but with combined services. One was a reference library, and the other, a University collection where lending facilities must be provided. Newcomb College students were to be given use, whereas separate libraries had hitherto been provided at both Tulane and Newcomb. Given a palatial building and now with a superb collection the combined library soon attracted national attention and thereby added much to the prestige of the position of librarianship.

Mr. Usher was by no means one who could be termed a "book-worm". He was active and had many interests. For years he had been an active member of the Round Table Club of New Orleans and was Secretary-Treasurer at the time of his last illness. He was an active member of the New Orleans Academy of Sciences, Curator of its archives and President for the year 1944. He belonged to one of the Carnival organizations, and he and his wife were very prominent in the New Orleans Garden Club. In recent years he had purchased a farm in Tangipahoa parish, and he and Mrs. Usher took great pleasure in spending their week ends there.

He contributed to library periodicals and was active in library organizations from the New Orleans Library Club to the American

Library Association. He served the Louisiana Library Association as President in 1930 and in 1940 was elected President of the Southwestern Library Association, a position he still held throughout the years 1940-44, because of the inability to have a meeting in 1942. With a decided predilection for History and the Natural Sciences, he maintained memberships in both of these fields. He was a member of the American Historical Association, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Bibliographical Society of America, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He was active in making preparations for the meeting of the American Library Association in New Orleans, in 1932, and wrote for the Library Journal an article covering the work of the Howard Memorial Library. After the dedication of the new library on the Tulane University campus, he wrote for the Library Journal a description with photographs and plans. He was honored by being asked to contribute to the commemorative volume to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the beginning of the administration of Herbert Putnam as Librarian of Congress, the celebration having occurred in 1929. His statement in this volume is worth repeating as it referred to the important contributions being made by the privately endowed reference libraries:

"What the reference library can do and does do is to build up important collections not likely to be made otherwise. In so far as it makes this contribution to the city in which it is located, it becomes an educational institution of first importance". This, of course, was well shown by the work done at the John Crerar Library and the Howard Memorial Library.

He was recognized both locally and nationally. Notice of his death, with portrait, was published on the first page of The Times-Picayune of August 5, 1944 and in an editorial in the same issue is a tribute well worth quoting:

"He was the model of a scholar, public servant and counselor, mellow character, and gentleman in every sense of the word."

President Harris of Tulane University said of him:

"He will be greatly missed by all who called him friend and colleague and who loved him for his devotion to all men through their written work".

Libraries are performing a great service to the State of Louisiana, but no one has made a greater contribution to the advancement of librarianship than Mr. Usher, the late editor of this Bulletin. The wonder is that he was able to do so many things, so wisely and so well. I consider it an honor to have had such a friend who did so much for others and seemed so forgetful of self.

JAMES A. McMILLEN, *Bibliographer*,
Louisiana State University Library.

USHER MEMORIAL

As agents for the "Robert J. Usher Memorial Fund", the Friends of the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library will receive contributions to honor their late librarian, according to Guy A. Cardwell, Jr. acting librarian.

Contributions to this memorial fund will be used to purchase books in some field particularly interesting to the late Mr. Usher and will be marked with a specially designed bookplate, it is explained.

Fred W. Ellsworth, Treasurer, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, c/o The Hibernia National Bank, New Orleans 5, will be happy to receive any contributions, Mr. Cardwell stated.

LIBRARY CLUB ISSUING BOOKLET

The New Orleans Library Club will publish a pamphlet, "The Libraries of New Orleans," in the near future. "We hope to cover the complete library field in the city," W. D. Postell, club president, states. "Probably it will be some time in January before we go to press." How and to whom the booklet will be distributed has not yet been decided, Mr. Postell says, but it is probable that it will be available to members in the New Orleans Library Club.

Louisiana State University's Director of Libraries

It gives me pleasure to introduce to members of the Louisiana Library Association a newcomer to our state and to our Association, Mr. Guy Redvers Lyle, whose appointment to the directorship of libraries at Louisiana State University with the academic rank of professor was effective October 1, 1944. He comes to us from North Carolina where he has served as Librarian of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina since 1936.

Mr. Lyle's interest in librarianship began at an early age. As a lad of thirteen he became a page in the Edmonton, Alberta, Public Library, where he continued to work first as page, and later as assistant throughout his high school and undergraduate college years.

Upon graduation from the University of Alberta in 1927, he entered the School of Library Service at Columbia University from which institution he holds two degrees, the B.S., which he received in 1929, and the M.S., in 1932. While a student at Columbia, Mr. Lyle served on the staff of the New York Public Library as supervisor of stacks, and as assistant in the Main Reading Room, and, along with these duties, carried the added responsibility of the assistant librarianship of the Raquet and Tennis Club. In 1929 he became Librarian of Antioch College, which position he filled until 1935.

Interest in education for librarianship caused Mr. Lyle at this point to interrupt a busy and successful administrative career to serve on the faculty of the University of Illinois Library School during the academic year 1935-36. That this interest has continued is proven by the fact that he served on the summer faculties of Louisiana State University in 1937 and of North Carolina in 1938, and that he took a leave of absence from Woman's College to return to Illinois in 1942-43 to continue graduate study in American literature and to serve as assistant professor in the Library School.

Membership in the American Library Association, the Association of College and Reference Libraries, the North Carolina Library Association, and the American Association of University Professors bespeaks his interest in professional matters. He was honored by election to the presidency of the North Carolina Library Association for 1941-42. He has served as a member of the American Library Association Council since 1938, as a member of the American Library Association Editorial Committee, 1937-39, as chairman of the College Library Advisory Board, 1938-40, and as Chairman of the Publications Committee of the Association of College and Reference Libraries from 1941-43.

Louisiana State University's new Director of Libraries has found time, despite the pressure of these many activities, to make a substantial contribution to the literature of Library science. Numerous contributions to professional periodicals, in addition to book length publications have come from his pen. He is the author of *Classified list of periodicals for the college library* (Faxon, 1934), which he revised with Virginia Trumper in 1940, *College library publicity* (Faxon, 1935) and *The administration of the college library* (Wilson, 1944). He is co-author with Dr. Louis R. Wilson and others of the *Report of the survey of the University of Georgia Library* (A.L.A., 1938) and the *Report of a survey of the University of Florida Library* (A.L.A., 1940).

A native of Canada, Guy Lyle became an American by naturalization, in 1935, and a Southerner by marriage to Miss Margaret E. White of Tennessee in 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle, with their three charming children, John Donald, age eleven, Jennifer Ann, age eight, and Christopher, who is now eleven months old, are presently at home at 620 Polytech Drive, University Hills, Baton Rouge.

MRS. FLORRINELL F. MORTON,
Director

L.S.U. Library School

COLLEGE AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES

Howard Tilton Memorial Library

Dr. Garland F. Taylor, assistant professor of English at Tulane university on leave for service overseas with the American Red Cross for the past two years, has been named acting librarian.

Dr. Taylor recently received his release as a field director of the Red Cross after extended service in Africa and Italy. He succeeds Dr. Guy A. Cardwell, associate professor of English, who has acted as librarian since the death of Mr. Usher.

The appointment of Dr. Taylor is effective as of December 1.

Miss Elsie Bing, secretary to the librarian, has resigned her position and will leave January 1st. Miss Bing says that her plans are still indefinite but she may go to New York.

After a leave of several months, Miss Corrine Doll has returned to accept the newly created position of Documents Librarian. While on leave Miss Doll was employed in the Dallas Public Library.

Miss Alice Holsten, formerly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a graduate of the Oklahoma University Library School, is in charge of the Fine Arts and Science collections.

Postal cards received from Ralph McComb, assistant librarian, on leave of absence for the duration, reveal that he is in the South of France.

After 31 years of service, Mrs. Nancy S. Bauman, head cataloger of the Tulane Cataloging Department, has retired.

The project, which provides for the recataloging and shelving as a unit of all books in the Howard and Tulane collections, was begun on Oct. 1st. To complete this project, in the prescribed length of time, it was necessary to greatly enlarge the Cataloging Department. New staff members in this de-

partment are: Mrs. Hazel H. Fort, Mrs. Ada Y. Regenos, Miss Ruth Griffin, Miss Ann Moore and Miss Helen Turner.

The many duplicate books and periodicals which had accumulated in the basement of the library are being put in order to be sold or offered on exchange. Mrs. Ethel W. Usher is in charge of this project and is assisted by Miss Alice E. Keighley.

The library recently received a valuable gift of 9 rare maps of New Orleans and Louisiana from Lt. Peter R. Monrose, United States Army Air Force. Lt. Monrose graduated from the Tulane Law School in 1941.

Loyola University Library

The trend in library use since the accelerated program has been toward increased use of the reference service and away from home circulation. Library reading has been in newspapers, periodicals and pamphlets. We believe that home reading has diminished largely because of the lack of time, and not because of the lack of interest. Paradoxically as it may seem, students are reading more than ever before, and more seriously, but most of them find it necessary to do this increased reading in the odd moments when free from classes.

War emergency has also disrupted the library staff so that at present the staff has been reduced to half with the recent resignation of Miss Marion Jaques, the cataloger. Miss Jaques left to take a position in the cataloging department of Catholic University Library. There are now two vacancies to be filled; a cataloger, and a combination Periodicals and Documents Assistant.

We have since April a new member on our staff, Miss Esther Robichaux who replaces Miss Harriet Lemann, the Circulation and Reference Assistant.

This year we have had a fine response to our display for Catholic Book Week, November 13-18. We had a circulation of 50 per cent of the titles displayed.

An experiment in library advertising was tried out last semester. It consisted of a series of weekly articles published in the School paper *The Maroon* on topics of very special interest: new books added, outstanding periodical articles of pertinent current value, unique or unusual acquisitions in the library and special resumes of outstanding features of selected reference books. While we believed that these articles did not bring the response expected, we feel certain that they did serve to focus added attention on library services.

For the post-war period we expect to have a new library building erected as soon as materials and men can be secured.

MRS. L. G. MARCY,
Librarian.

Hill Memorial Library

On November 1, Miss Mildred Hogan was appointed assistant to the Director of Libraries, Louisiana State University. In general, her duties will be to help formulate policies relating to services which can be most efficiently performed for all the University libraries through a central organization, and to administer these policies.

Miss Hogan is a graduate of the L. S. U. Library School. She has been a staff member of the Louisiana State Department of Education for the past ten years, serving as secretary in the Library Division, research librarian, and secretary to the State Superintendent of Education.

L. S. U. School of Medicine Library

Mrs. Russell Coco has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Ferris Hand. Mrs. Coco had previously served two years as assistant in the library of the Zoology Department of Louisiana State University.

We are particularly proud of the fact that for the first time since our library was organized, our last quarterly report showed that we lent more volumes through Inter-Library Loan than we borrowed. This, we hope is indicative of the fact that we have reached a significant phase in our development. One might say that at last we are able to stand on our own feet.

Two papers have recently been published by the Librarian in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal. These papers were entitled "Medical Literature in Louisiana Prior to the Event of the New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal" and "Louisiana and its Record of Medical Progress, 1718-1860." In addition, the following papers have also been published: "A Cesarean Section with Three Claimants," "An Aid in Instructing Students in Medical Bibliography," "Further Notes on the Instruction of Medical School Students in Medical Bibliography" and "Reflections on the Text-book Situation."

Recently the library received a very valuable collection of books from Mr. Thomas Heard Campbell which was part of the library of the late Dr. Myles Pratt, a prominent physician of Pointe Coupee Parish.

W. D. POSTELL,
Librarian.

Northeast Junior College of L. S. U., Monroe

The Monroe Division shared in the special surplus appropriation made to L. S. U. libraries by the Board of Supervisors in the spring of 1944. During the 1943-44 fiscal year, the Northeast Junior College added over 1,600 volumes, about three times the average annual acquisition number. The downstairs stacks are full and the second-floor stack space—formerly used only for periodicals—now holds some books.

Mrs. Harry Lemert (Louise Gray) spent the summer with her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Lemert, then stationed in Kentucky but now overseas.

Miss Dorothy Flanagan, library clerk for the past three years at N. J. C., took a position in May through Federal Civil Service in the Naval Technical School at Memphis.

Miss Dorothy Duncan, graduate of N. J. C. and L. S. U. class of '44, is now library clerk. Miss Duncan was the first holder of the Lillian Herron Williamson Memorial Scholarship at the Northeast Junior College. This scholarship is offered annually by Mr. Fred Williamson in memory of his late wife, one-time assistant librarian at the College and formerly public librarian in Monroe.

Miss Mary Clay attended the A. L. A. Council and A. C. R. L. Board meetings in Chicago, October 12-14. Miss Clay is serving for the duration as secretary of the Junior College Section of the American College and Reference Libraries. She has also been a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of A. C. R. L. for the past four years. Officers of the Junior College Section held a conference on Saturday afternoon following the adjournment of the Council to plan for the work of the Section in 1944-45. It was decided to compile a newsletter and mail to junior college librarians belonging to the Section.

MARY CLAY,
Librarian.

*John McNeese Junior College
of L. S. U., Lake Charles*

The preparing of term papers and themes, as well as assignments in general, keeps our 132 students busy hunting references and material in the Library. It means also that our librarian and staff are constantly on the move assisting the students in their use of library resources.

Among the latest acquisitions in our reference department is a set of Oxford English Dictionary.

Mr. Edwin Knapp presented our library with about 35 old music publications which cover a wide field for either instruction or

reference. This is to be the beginning of a collection of books to be known as the Robert Leake Memorial Music Library. Mr. Leake was before his death in 1938, an influential leader in music circles of our city. The books vary from Old English musical publications more than 150 years old to modern reproductions of medieval classics.

A special exhibit of Mark Twain books and posters was arranged during the showing of "Adventures of Mark Twain" at one of our local theaters.

There are 20 students in the fall term's class of Books and Libraries. As part of the Class' celebration of Book Week, one member of the class designed a poster around this year's theme, "United Through Books." Several members of the class attended a Book Week observance which was sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Lake Charles.

The members of the library staff and their guests enjoyed a Book Treasure Hunt at the home of our librarian during Book Week.

Our library is constantly adding to its professional shelf where the members of the faculty find material of professional interest.
MRS. DOROTHY STEIDTMANN,
Librarian.

Southeastern Louisiana College

Miss Elizabeth Stoney (B. A. Winthrop College, B. S. in L. S., University of North Carolina) replaces Mrs. Joseph A. Ory as assistant librarian. Miss Ruth Steidtmann (B. A. Southeastern Louisiana College, B. S. in L. S., L. S. U.) replaces Miss Ethel Malcolm in the Southeastern Training School Library, who resigned to accept an army library position.

The Southeastern Library has just received a gift of nearly three hundred volumes from Mrs. Estelle V. Cottman of Roseland. Included in this gift are books of poetry, drama, art, biography, history and travel.

The display in the library this month is a collection of souvenirs and gifts sent from the boys overseas and loaned by faculty and students. There are articles from England, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Egypt, Japan, New Zealand, New Guinea and Hawaii. It is one of the most interesting exhibits we have had.

ANNA P. DAVIS,
Librarian

Stephens Memorial Library

There have been a number of staff changes since July 1. Miss Irene Pope, reference librarian is on a year's leave for graduate study in the University of Illinois Library School. Additions to the staff are: Miss Cecile Judice as assistant order librarian, Miss Julia Simon-eaux as assistant circulation librarian, and Miss Noella Orgeron as a general assistant.

The Library is still cooperating in the Naval V-12 program. The library hours were extended to 10:30 P. M. to accommodate this group as all navy men who are restricted due to grades are required to come to the library for supervised study. A faculty member gives additional help on some subjects with the library staff giving our regular services.

The use of the library insofar as use of books has increased with the decrease in enrollment. Last year's circulation of books for home use was 13.7 books per student. When all circulation figures—home use, in library use, reserve book use—are considered, we had 37.4 books per student used. This does not include the use of reference books, bound periodicals, or a large number of back issues of unbound periodicals.

LOMA KNIGHTEN,
Librarian.

Northwestern State College

The change in the name of the college from Louisiana State Normal College to Northwestern State College of Louisiana indicates the change which has been taking place on the campus for the past several years. The college is no longer exclusively a teacher-training institution, but has added

a number of new curricula and is granting a liberal arts degree. The changing of the function of the college has, of course, been reflected in the development of the library book-collection.

The Library continues to serve the Navy Refresher Unit on the campus, but the sailors use the library facilities primarily for recreational reading.

Eugene Watson, librarian, has returned to the library after a year's leave of absence during which he worked on an advanced degree. Doris Kilpatrick has recovered from her illness and has resumed the circulation librarianship.

EUGENE WATSON,
Librarian.

Ursuline College Library

During the past months, the Ursuline College Library has undergone extensive changes with regard to the location of its various collections. Development in the physical improvement of the building is a real highlight, provisions being made for the stacks apart from the reading room. The students' help in this process has been invaluable. They gave generously of their time and labor.

New policies have been drawn up and complete reorganization of the library is in process.

During Orientation Week, the Freshmen attended an assembly lecture on "Library Usage."

Catholic Book Week was celebrated by an exhibition of the latest Catholic books lent by Miss Henderson of the Catholic Book Store; a talk by Rev. J. Fichter, S. J., and a symposium of Catholic Authors by the College Students.

During the past months a number of interesting and valuable books have been added both by purchase and donation to the Library.

Records show an increase in circulation in every field of knowledge, as well as an increase in the use of reference books.

In September, 1943, Mother Cecilia Moore, O. S. U., graduate of Rosary College Library School, River Forest, Illinois, began her duties as librarian at Usuline College Library. The Library is fortunate in having a new member, Miss Adele Rivet, added to the staff this year.

Mother Cecilia Moore, O. S. U.,
Librarian.

LSU LIBRARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Director

The 1944-45 class of the Library School numbers eighteen of whom eight are Louisianians. The remaining ten represent Texas, Iowa, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

With us this year is our first World War II veteran, Mr. Thomas J. Hewitt, who has returned to complete his work started during the Summer School of 1943.

The Library School also takes pride in the fact that our Puerto Rican, Miss Angelina Martinez, and our Mexican, Mr. Rafael Velez, have been granted Rockefeller Foundation scholarships to enable them to study in the United States.

Not a few of our graduates and ex-students are now serving overseas. Their letters indicate a continued interest in librarianship that is most gratifying. One recently received from Private Jerome Cushman ('41) may interest not only his classmates but other librarians back home, and I venture to quote from it: "It seems that the fact that I am a professional librarian is an open sesame wherever I visited a library. The head of the Bodleian Library at Oxford was kind enough to have a staff member take me to the spot specifically forbidden to all visitors—the vaults where the rare books are kept. I was equally successful at the Bibliotheque Nationale at Paris. The good people of the latter library looked at my American uniform in amazement, asking themselves, I imagine, what a G.I. was doing out of the cafes—and so far off the beaten tracks of Gay Paree . . . My mind is full of library possibilities when I get home . . . I want to get into public li-

brary work with the responsibility of making my library a real community center."

News of placement of 1944 graduates of Louisiana State University Library School is given below. The Director would like to take this opportunity to stress the fact that the Library School has many more opportunities to make recommendations for positions than it has graduates to recommend. Librarians are urged to assume responsibility for recruitment of young people into the library profession. For your information, beginning June 1945, Louisiana State University will return to the nine weeks summer term and the semester plan.

1944 Graduates

Arceneaux, Lucille—Librarian, Crowley High School.

Brown, Mrs. Mildred P.—Librarian, Central Elementary School, Bastrop.

Carroll, Mrs. Myrtle M.—Assistant Reader's Advisor, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Couch, Mrs. Maurice B. — Librarian, Athens High School.

Dykes, Helen—Assistant, Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge.

Evans, Mrs. Helen A.—Assistant Librarian, Ouachita Parish High School.

Felder, Mrs. Sarah McC.—Assistant Librarian, Byrd High School, Shreveport.

Foster, Juanita — Librarian, Hammond High School.

Hood, Mrs. Katherine P.—Librarian, Commerce Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Lyle, Mrs. Lellah H.—Assistant, Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge.

McDonald, Virginia—Librarian, Bastrop High School.

Person, Maria—Librarian, Harrison County Library, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Roberts, Olive—Assistant, Cataloging Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Robertson, Mae Rose—Assistant, Circulation Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Schumacher, Eugenia—Librarian, Judice High School, Lafayette.

Scott, Mrs. Evelyn S.—Married to Lt. J. W. Scott and not employed.

Simoneaux, Julia—Assistant, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette.

Smith, Rose Thomas—Assistant, Handley Public Library, Winchester, Virginia.

Steidtmann, Ruth—Training School Librarian, Southeastern Louisiana Institute, Hammond.

Wilson, Charlotte—Assistant, Children's Department, New Orleans Public Library.

Woods, Mrs. Edna B.—Assistant, Texas A. & M. College, Bryan, Texas.

1944 Changes In Position

*Date of
Graduation*

Name and Position

- 1940 Adams, Helen, Librarian and Reviser, Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
- 1932 Bauer, Lucille, Librarian, Army Camp, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.
- 1941 Brandenburg, Mrs. Cora R., Librarian, Camp Claiborne.
- 1943 Cazayoux, Vivian, Assistant, Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge.
- 1941 Coltharp, Jennie S., Librarian, Country Day School, New Orleans.
- 1941 Dalferes, Mrs. Estelle, Librarian, Catholic University, School of Library Science, Washington, D. C.
- 1943 Deal, Mrs. Hazel, Librarian, North Arkansas Regional Library, Harrison, Arkansas.
- 1941 Dew, Mrs. Helen M., Assistant, Madison Parish Library, Tallulah.
- 1939 Dowdle, Mary, Librarian, High School, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 1942 Feilback, Mrs. Margaret C., Librarian, Selman Field, Monroe.
- 1940 Ferguson, George Rose, Librarian, Geology Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
- 1940 Forshag, Mrs. Rowena P., Assistant, Tangipahoa Parish Library, Amite.
- 1940 Frank, Virginia, Librarian, Army Transportation Technical Library, New Orleans.

- 1938 Goodwin, Mary Louise, Librarian, Jesuit High School, New Orleans.
- 1943 Harper, Peggy, Cataloger, Law Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
- 1942 Hicks, Mary E., Librarian, Neuropsychiatric Veterans Hospital Facility, Coatsville, Pennsylvania.
- 1943 Hollar, Rosita H., Librarian, McMurry College, Abilene, Texas.
- 1940 Hutcheson, Mary, Librarian, Library No. 1, Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
- 1942 Judice, Cecile, Assistant, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette.
- 1940 Kanavel, Mary, Librarian, Mesa County Library, Colorado.
- 1942 Martin, Florence, Assistant, Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport.
- 1942 Nesbitt, Dorothy, Librarian, Big Spring County Library, Texas.
- 1941 Perkins, Mrs. Marcia W., Assistant, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Baton Rouge.
- 1934 Postell, Frances, Head Cataloger, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.
- 1939 Reulet, Cidellia, Assistant Cataloger, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.
- 1936 Richardson, Hazel A., Assistant, Camp Library, Sparta, Wisconsin.
- 1941 Richardson, Mabel C., Librarian, Army Camp, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.
- 1940 Skoog, Beth, Librarian, Camp Polk, Leesville.
- 1937 Songe, Alice, Librarian, Vermillion Parish Library, Abbeville.
- 1943 Sponcler, Mrs. Reba, Librarian, Richland Parish Library, Rayville.
- 1941 Sprague, Mrs. Margaret B., Librarian, Madison Parish Library, Tallulah.
- 1939 Taylor, Frances M., Assistant, Webster Parish Library, Minden.
- 1937 Taylor, Shirley, Assistant, Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge.
- 1941 Torrey, Mary Lee, Librarian, Concordia Parish Library, Ferriday.

CITIZENS' LIBRARY MOVEMENT

J. H. Mercer, Taylortown, long an ardent supporter of the Bossier Parish library, is the new chairman of the Citizens' Library Movement which met recently in Shreveport to select new officers. Others named were Mrs. Fenn Leaming, Mansfield, first vice president; Mrs. Martha G. Robinson, New Orleans, second vice president; Dr. Harriet S. Daggett, Baton Rouge, third vice president; John Caffery, Franklin, fourth vice president; Mrs. W. B. MacMillan, Abbeville, secretary and C. Paul Phelps, Ponchatoula, treasurer. An executive secretary will be appointed.

All of the new officers are active in library work over the state. Mrs. Leaming, who assists in editing the Mansfield Enterprise has been serving as acting president of the Citizens' Library Movement and is active in the Louisiana Federation of Clubs of

which she is a former president. Mrs. Robinson is president of the Louisiana League of Women Voters and Dr. Daggett, a member of the L. S. U. law school faculty, has long been associated with the movement for libraries in Louisiana while Mr. Caffery is widely known for his interest in libraries. Mr. Mercer as president of the Bossier police jury has been a guiding spirit in the affairs of the Bossier library. Mrs. MacMillan is president of the Vermillion Parish library board and Mr. Phelps heads the Tangipahoa library board.

The Citizens' Library Movement, composed of friends of libraries, has a membership of some 350,000 persons. The group meeting at Shreveport voted to make Gov. James H. Davis, the state superintendent of education and the president of Louisiana State University honorary members.



PARISH AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Bossier Parish Library

The Bossier Parish Police Jury continued for 1945 the annual appropriation of the Bossier Parish Library, at a meeting of the Police Jury on October 10. Mrs. A. C. Skan-
nal, chairman of the Citizens' Library Group of the parish and a group of citizens appeared before the jurors in behalf of the library appropriation.

Parish librarians of the state will be interested to know that beginning with this past September, the Bossier Library is giving a school service, similar to that given by the Webster Parish Library, and that this service is being paid for by the school board under terms outlined in a contractual arrangement.

Calcasieu Parish Library Demonstration

"The Carnegie Library and the Calcasieu Parish Library are joining with libraries throughout the United States and in many

foreign countries in celebrating national Book Week, November 12-18.

"The theme, 'United Through Books,' is made dynamic reality this year by the availability of over 20,000 books on all subjects to the adults and children of Calcasieu Parish.

"Story hours and book talks in nearly all the parish schools mark the special celebration. Cooperating in these programs are the school principals, school librarians; Miss Bernadine Glaser, librarian of the Carnegie Library; Mrs. H. F. Rush, Lake Charles; Mrs. R. B. Beddingfield, Lake Charles, and Miss Sallie Farrell, librarian of the Calcasieu Parish Library.

"Special exhibits of books and colorful book jackets on the United Nations are on display in all the branch libraries. On display at the Headquarters of the Calcasieu Parish Library in Lake Charles is a Russian exhibit, loaned through the National Council of

American-Soviet Friendship, including Russian children's books, illustrations from Russian children's books, paintings and drawings by Russian children, and photographs of Russian children making use of books and libraries in wartime."

—Lake Charles American Press
November 15, 1944

Concordia Parish Library

The Concordia Parish Library passed for the fourth time its maintenance tax on September 12. "Only two votes were cast against the proposition in the whole parish, one of which was an error," Mrs. Collins Foster, librarian says. "Two hundred and forty-three votes were cast for the Library, carrying a total assessment of \$492,570, while the opposing votes carried an assessment of \$660."

Mrs. Foster left Concordia Parish in October to become librarian of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library, which is her home parish. She was replaced by Miss Mary Lee Torry, who came to Concordia from Webster, where she has been an assistant on the staff there.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library

"Original illustrations by Lois Lenski for Clara Ingram Judson's 'They Came From France,' were given to the Library during Book Week."

—Miss Margaret Reed,
Librarian.

Jennings Public Library

"Everyone seemed to enjoy the display we had in a corner of our Library for Book Week. It consisted of the United-Through-Books poster, mounted on a large cream-colored board surrounded with the flags of the United Nations and attractive book jackets. In front of this was a large table of the newest books. A story about Book Week with a picture of the display appeared in the local paper. We gave out more than 700 book marks."

—Mrs. Ella Lee Faulk,
Librarian.

Lafayette Municipal Library

"Displays of new books brought new borrowers and an increase in circulation during Book Week. The 6th War Loan Drive has been featured in the poster exhibits at the Library."

Natchitoches Parish Library

Mrs. Sam Levy of the city of Natchitoches has been named president of the Board of Control of the Natchitoches Parish Library, replacing Eugene Watson, resigned. Mr. Watson, librarian of Northwestern State College, has served the Library as board president since the beginning of the Library five years ago, and he is well known among Louisiana librarian and trustee groups. He has been at the University of Texas during the past school year, completing work on his doctorate.

New Orleans Public Library

The 1945 budget for the New Orleans Public Library has been increased by approximately \$10,000. The appropriation from the city will amount to \$110,815, as compared with \$101,167 in 1944 and \$86,667 in 1943. Since the Library was operated during its first hundred years, ending in 1943, with appropriations on the lower side of the hundred thousand line, it is to be hoped that a more prosperous second century lies ahead!

Book Week 1944 in the New Orleans Public Library featured exhibits and programs arranged through the cooperation of local schools, clubs, and interested citizens. The several branch agencies chose different aspects of the theme "United Through Books," while the exhibits and programs at the Main Library centered about the two hundredth anniversary books for children.

The Library adopted the usual policy of inviting schools to plan their own Book Week programs for presentation in the libraries, with the staff providing incidental ideas, materials and assistance. Particularly successful, both from the standpoint of participation and response, was the program presented by the Semmes School in the Main

Library auditorium. Students from the school designed posters illustrating each of the Newbery titles, and these were carried by the young people, each of whom gave a short review of the book. This was followed by stories told by Misses Margaret Ruckert and Charlotte Wilson of the Library staff.

Branch programs included book talks by Lieutenant John Hall Jacobs on the Pacific islands and by Miss Ethel Perkins, on books about China; book talks and animated cartoons for visiting classes at each branch, Girl and Boy Scout skits at several agencies, a talk by Mrs. Lenore Graham of the Louisiana Conservation Department, and a review by Harnett Kane of his new book, "Deep Delta Country."

Exhibits included pottery made by service men at a local U. S. O., a display of native weapons from the Pacific islands loaned by a patron returned from duty with the Navy, and three international doll exhibits. Each branch displayed handiwork from the classes of near-by schools.

One idea which proved effective at several branches was a display of book jackets with the names of children from each other agency in the system who had read the same book. This gave the slogan "United Through Books" a community application, and proved a source of considerable interest to younger library readers.

The Library is assisting with several new community activities for young people. One of these began early in October—a Saturday morning radio program (11:35) over WDSU, presenting dramatizations of outstanding children's books. Sponsored by the Junior League of New Orleans, high school students from the public, private and parochial schools have been trained as participants, the Library staff has advised about suitable books, and hearers of the program are referred to this institution both for the featured book and for others of a similar nature. "Snow Treasure," by Marie McSwigan is the first book to be presented. Another city-wide program, which will begin on January 13, is the "Junior Series," a group

of Saturday afternoon lectures for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Begun last season as a Junior League project, the idea proved so successful that the Public Library was invited to join school and parent-teacher groups sponsoring the program this year. The Library's particular contributions have been with planning the program, which among others will include John Churchill Chase, "Item" cartoonist, and Harnett Kane, and in making available reading lists and materials for those who attend. The general idea of the series is to provide a recreational lecture program for the young people of New Orleans.

Another community project which has provided an outlet for library books is the "Emergency Wartime Children's Services." This program has established centers throughout the city to care for the children of women with war jobs, and deposit collections of books from the Library have been loaned to each of these agencies. Closely related to these are the loan collections in housing projects far removed from service of branches or bookmobile, such as Shipyard Homes, the Higgins "Little Red Schoolhouse," and the Magnolia, Lafitte and St. Bernard Housing Projects.

A particularly successful project with the local schools was completed in October. The parent-teacher associations of the public schools were approached with the suggestion of distributing throughout the city a list of books from the Library on the subject of child care and training. The response was enthusiastic, and Miss Frances Moak, who spent the summer on the staff, worked with local guidance experts on the compilation of the list. Several thousand "Parents Bookshelf" lists were then distributed, the number being curtailed because of paper shortage, and additional requests have been received from several schools who wished a copy for the parents of each pupil. To the staff, the response indicated a growing community concern not only of the problems involved in the much-used phrase "juvenile de-

linquency" but also a recognition of the book as an important factor in finding remedies. This list, and others compiled at the Library, are also used by the judge of the juvenile court and by the social workers engaged in family and child guidance.

This year has seen the formal organization of an adult education group in New Orleans. Sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies, the Adult Education Section has undertaken to enlist the interest of all local organizations and institutions sponsoring either formal or informal educational programs for adults, and George King Logan, acting librarian, has served as a member of the steering committee. The first and major activity of the program thus far has been handled by the Library—that of assembling an information file covering community resources. Adult education information is to be handled as a regular feature of the Library's service, and people interested in schools or classes on planning programs, or in obtaining speakers will be directed to this institution. During the recent A. F. of L. convention in New Orleans two spokesmen from that group were invited to an open meeting to discuss adult education with worker's groups.

Several newcomers have been added to the staff. Miss Charlotte Wilson, L. S. U. 1944, is now assistant in the Children's Department at the Main Library. Mrs. Alice Vairin Westfeldt, a graduate of Newcomb College, has accepted a position as assistant at the Nix Branch Library. She comes to the Library from the War Department. From Tallulah, Louisiana, a graduate of George Peabody Library School, has come Miss Lillian May Dickinson to the Adult Department staff at the Main Library, while Mrs. Lucienne Jeanne Dionne of Fall River, Massachusetts, has also joined the staff of that department. She formerly taught at the Dighton and North Attleboro High Schools in Massachusetts.

Miss Helen M. Hart, Supervisor of Branch and Extension Service, has an article about her work in the October 1944 *Wilson Bul-*

letin, entitled "Bookmobile Bookmark Contest." A picture of Orleans' bookmobile accompanies the article.

Ouachita Parish Library

The Ouachita Parish Library says that its welcome letter to new residents in Monroe attracts borrowers to the Library and increases library use. The Letter Service Bureau of Monroe gives all newcomers a booklet containing letters of welcome from various business establishments of the city, Miss Frances Michie, librarian, explains. One letter, AN INVITATION TO READ, comes from the Library.

Pointe Coupee Parish Library

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury at its November meeting made its annual appropriation for library maintenance for the year 1945, according to Mrs. Collins Foster, librarian.

The Book Club of New Roads has presented the Library with an original water color as a memorial to Mrs. George Pitcher, who served as an important member of the library board from its organization until her death last June. As Mrs. Pitcher was a charter member of the club and as she worked so untiringly in organizing and advancing the work of the Library, it is fitting that the club present the Library with a memorial in her honor. Appropriately, the picture is of a man standing beside a cart loaded with cane, for the Pitchers have been sugar cane growers and have run a sugar mill in Pointe Coupee since the Civil War.

Two new members have been appointed on the Library Board of Control, Mrs. J. M. Holloway of Livonia, and Mrs. Humphrey Olinde of New Roads. Deaconess Caroline Pitcher of Lakeland is president of the board.

Miss Alice Songe, who has been acting as librarian in Pointe Coupee for the past several months, after the departure of Miss Elizabeth Cammack to Amite as librarian of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Demonstra-

tion, is now librarian of the Vermilion Parish Library.

Book Week was celebrated by the Library with several interesting and appropriate programs. An attractive display of children's books, featuring all countries, was arranged in a centrally located drug store window in New Roads. Special story hours were held throughout the parish, at each of the schools and at each of the branch libraries. Talks on the significance of reading and books were made before adult clubs and civic groups.

Rapides Parish Library Alexandria Public Library

Miss Juanita Ryland, formerly at the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, has replaced Miss Jo Ann Bauer as librarian in the Pineville branch of the Rapides Parish Library.

After many months of remodeling, the Alexandria Public Library opened its attractive children's reading room in the basement of the library building during the late summer. Miss Mildred Hawthorn of the staff of the parish library is in charge. Miss Lillie Thornton is librarian of the Alexandria Public Library.

There was a special display of books of other lands during Book Week in the children's room, and the observance there ended with a magic show for boys and girls.

Richland Parish Library

Richland Parish voted a half-mill tax, to swell the existing one-half mill to a whole mill for library support, on September 12, Mrs. Reba Sponcler, librarian, reports. Two new members have been appointed to the library board, who are I. C. Archibald, of Archibald, and W. S. Wymond, of Delhi.

Shreve Memorial Library

The boys' and girls' room of the Shreve Memorial Library had a wealth of new books to offer during Book Week. There were exhibits of picture books, easy readers, fairy tales, story books and informational books

to interest children and parents and teachers. On display also were the Lois Lenski original illustrations for Clara Ingram Judson's "They Came From France," a recent gift to the Library.

To acquaint readers with the new fall titles as well as to dramatize interest in books generally, talks were given at the grade schools and junior high schools as a part of the Book Week observances. Thirty-four groups were addressed. The Library also provided a speaker for the Southfield School Book Fair, and for the P.-T. A. of South Highlands School.

Miss Anne Kersieck is children's librarian in Shreve.

Tangipahoa Parish Library Demonstration

"Special celebrations of Book Week were held in the Hammond and Amite branches of the Tangipahoa Parish Library with users from other branches invited to attend. Harnett Kane talked on his new book, "Deep Delta Country," to about 150 persons on the afternoon of November 14 in Hammond and to about 100 that night in Amite. He also made talks sponsored by the Library at the Kiwanis Club and the High School in Hammond.

"Other Book Week activities included story hours for the children in the Ponchatoula and Hammond branches, and a display in the large window of the Louisiana Power and Light Company on the main street in Hammond, based on the theme BOOKS MAKE A BETTER WORLD. Adding interest to the display were dolls dressed in the costumes of the other nations pictured in the books. The dolls were borrowed from the Training School of Southeastern Louisiana College."

Miss Elizabeth Cammack,
Librarian.

Terrebonne Parish Library

The Terrebonne Parish Library celebrated its fifth anniversary with open house at the Library on Sunday afternoon, November 12. More than 100 guests called. Receiving with Miss Mary Bordelon, librarian, and her staff

were members of the Library Club of Houma, who began the library movement by establishing and operating a city library in Houma a number of years ago. After 1939, this library was expanded into the parish-wide system, as a demonstration library of the Louisiana Library Commission.

With a total of 443,597 books circulated through September of 1944, the Library can be counted upon to circulate over the 450,000 mark by its birthday. It has approximately 9,000 borrowers, and a book collection of more than 14,000 volumes. Last year, 20 per cent of its circulation was for adult non-fiction material, higher than the average of the 13 rural parish libraries. With 18 per cent of its juvenile population and 57 per cent of its adult population registered, it also has enrolled as library users a larger population proportion than the average library.

In honor of its birthday as well as in celebration of Book Week, the Library arranged two book displays. One, in a downtown store window, showed a world globe, with flags of the different nations attached to it, to form a background. Books on the various countries, depicting the history, customs and descriptive facts carried out the theme UNITED THROUGH BOOKS. The exhibit in the Houma branch showed a war-torn world—a large colorful map cut into bits—and the role of books in obtaining the lasting peace.

Book marks were made from the titles of book jackets, with figures of the Library's achievement printed on their backs, for distribution to library users.

Vermilion Parish Library

Book Week was celebrated in Vermilion with the general purpose of increasing interest in reading and use of the parish library, according to Miss Alice Songe, librarian. With the awarding of 1944 Reading Certificates, the 1945 list was given to readers along with the little booklet, "Books I Have Read," to keep a record of their reading. Contests were sponsored by the Library in three of the high schools of the parish, and book prizes given for the best poster, the best book review, and the best book

mark. The parish librarian gave a talk at the Abbeville High School assembly on how to review a book; and five groups of elementary students visited the Library during the week and had its services explained to them. A special book display was arranged for Abbeville, and all branches had Book Week posters and book marks to interest readers.

Webster Parish Library

The Webster Parish Library formally celebrated Book Week and its fifteenth anniversary. Of particular interest was an open house held in the Minden library on the evening of November 17, and attended by a large number of library friends. While all branches in the system had some activities for Book Week, outstanding was the exhibit of book jackets, dolls dressed as book characters and scenes illustrating well known stories, presented at the Elementary High School in Minden. Among the prize winners was a jacket design for Tom Sawyer, a doll dressed as Heidi, a soap carving of Black Beauty, and a scene showing the awakening of Sleeping Beauty.

The Webster Parish Library was opened in October of 1929, and has grown steadily since its beginning. The circulation for the first year was 143,755 as compared with 326,197 for 1943. The book collection now numbers 69,000, for use in 36 branches and 18 deposit stations, serving all citizens of the parish.

Winn Parish Library

Citizens of Winn Parish voted on November 21 not only a two-mill maintenance tax for their library for the next five years but an additional tax of one mill to run for ten years and to yield approximately \$45,000 for a library building, according to Mrs. Rubie Hanks, librarian. Winn is the first parish in Louisiana to vote a library building tax.

The Winn library was started as part of the Tri-Parish demonstration of the Louisiana Library Commission, and was continued as a permanent parish responsibility at the demonstration's close. This is the second time the maintenance tax has been successfully voted.

LOUISIANA LIBRARY COMMISSION

Pictures of Louisiana libraries may soon be serving as inspiration for post-war library development in far-off China. A request for the pictures as well as for a narrative account of library work in Louisiana has been received by Miss Essae M. Culver, Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Library Commission, from Dr. Carl White, Director, of Libraries and the library school at Columbia University, who is going to China for the division of cultural cooperation of the state department. In requesting the pictures Dr. White characterized the work in Louisiana as among the "best fruits of American library experience."

The Acadia Parish Library is Louisiana's newest parish library, and when it begins to operate in 1945, as a demonstration project of the Louisiana Library Commission, it will make 21 parishes of the State giving parish-wide library service, virtually a third of the parishes. The Library was established by police jury action in November, after an active campaign in the parish by interested citizens led by a parish-wide chamber of commerce organization.

The Extension Department of the Commission is already at work preparing the book collection for Acadia's 45,000 people, a large proportion of whom are French. Acadia is well known as Louisiana's rice parish. It lies within the plains country of southwestern Louisiana, a land "where the buggies roll," according to Harnett Kane, Louisiana chronicler. Crowley is the parish seat, with a population of about 9,000 people, and will serve as headquarters of the library system.

Members of the Library Board of Control are: Mrs. Frank A. Bacon of Crowley; Very Rev. Msgr. Hubert Lerschen of Rayne; Rev. Fr. C. A. Bienvenu of Church Point; Rev. Fr. Olan A. Broussard of Iota; Mrs. William Hoyt of Estherwood, and M. W. Scanlan, President of the Police Jury of Church Point.

Plans are going forward for the opening of the Madison Parish Library Demonstration, to be held sometime within the next few weeks, the exact date dependent upon completion of remodeling of the headquarters library building in Tallulah.

The library was established by the Police Jury on August 2, and received at its start a gift of approximately 2,000 books, the private library of District Attorney J. B. Snyder, long interested in making a contribution for public library service in Madison Parish.

A parish building, once used as a jail and on the courthouse square in Tallulah, the parish seat, is being extensively remodeled to serve as headquarters and Tallulah Branch. In addition to the appropriation for the demonstration year, local funds are also being used to take care of building renovation and equipment.

Mrs. Russell Sprague has been named parish librarian, and Mrs. Elkin Dew assistant. Mrs. Sprague will be remembered as Margaret Boswell, and Mrs. Dew as Helen Margaret Yerger. Both are graduates of Louisiana State University Library School, both worked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and both have husbands in the armed services. In addition, Mrs. Sprague has worked in the Louisiana College Library in Pineville. Both are residents of Tallulah.

Members of the Library Board of the new Library are Mayor R. N. Ware of Tallulah; Representative Henry C. Sevier, Sheriff C. E. Hester, A. J. Boswell and W. H. Hewes, President of the Police Jury.

Madison is one of the delta parishes of Louisiana, made up of large cotton plantations. The parish has a population of 18,000 people, less than a third of whom are white. Tallulah, with 2,000 white people, is the only large town.

Tangipahoa Parish Library Demonstration is issuing a news letter for its staff, board and interested citizens in the library movement in the parish.

Miss Helen Dykes is working several weeks as assistant in the Hammond Branch. While there, she and Mrs. Georgia Tracey, Branch Librarian, plan to conduct a business survey.

Tangipahoa readers are probably particularly interested right now in a book published in Australia, entitled *Swamp Angel*, and written by Lieutenant Colonel Ernest D. Elliott, advance base chaplain in the New Guinea theater of the war, because he was formerly pastor in a Hammond church. The book is said to be another tale of the bayou country and the everglades of the Gulf Coast.

Harnett T. Kane, New Orleans author, whose latest book "Deep Delta Country," is already in the best selling class, was the Book Week speaker at the Library Commission's "Book Night" attended by a large number of librarians and state employees as well as interested citizens. Mr. Kane reviewed his new book while Miss Culver, explained the purpose of the meeting and the plans for Book Week. Introducing the author was Miss Elizabeth Johnson of the commission staff.

Mr. Kane was also guest at an informal reception given at the commission for the members of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs during their convention in Baton Rouge. This event was on the day of publication of "Deep Delta Country" and his presence added interest to the gathering. Mrs. James H. Davis, wife of Louisiana's governor, welcomed the guests with Miss Mary Mims, a member of the commission and Miss Culver and Mrs. A. D. Tisdale, of Monroe, federation president. The commission was particularly glad to entertain federation members, Miss Culver said, because the federation sponsored the traveling libraries which were the forerunner of the commission and were active sponsors of the bill which resulted in establishment of the commission.

More than 80 Baton Rouge librarians and those interested in library work gathered at the Louisiana Library Commission on October 19 to greet Guy Lyle, the newly appointed librarian at Louisiana State University, and to hear Miss Helen Ferris, editor of the Junior Literary Guild, who was spending a week in the State.

Mr. Lyle, who was introduced by Miss Culver, spoke briefly, asking for cooperation in making readily available the vast resources of the University Library.

As the guest of Miss Culver, Miss Ferris visited some of Louisiana's libraries. Saturday afternoon, October 21, in Abbeville, about 75 library friends of the Vermilion Parish Library gathered to hear Miss Ferris talk. The Library had arranged a display of Literary Guild books, and Miss Ferris autographed a number of copies of her own books during the afternoon.

Following a brief look at the picturesque bayou country, Miss Ferris and Miss Culver went on to Alexandria for a program Monday afternoon in the children's room of the Alexandria Public Library. They visited the Rapides Parish Library headquarters. Before their return to Baton Rouge they visited, in Natchitoches, the parish library and Northwestern State College Library, and Melrose, plantation home of Mrs. Cammie Henry.

Miss Culver and Miss Debora Abramson Assistant Secretary of the Commission, and Miss Bess Vaughan, Librarian of the Shreve Memorial Library, were in Chicago in October for the meeting of the Executive Board and Council of the American Library Association, October 12 to 14. Miss Abramson attended the meeting of the Library Extension Division.

Miss Abramson attended the meeting of the Arkansas Library Association, held in Little Rock, November 12 and 13, where she spoke on the important topic, the role of the library in the post-war world from the librarians' point of view.

NEGRO LIBRARIES

The Booker T. Washington High School

The Booker T. Washington High School assembly program during Book Week was written and directed by the librarian, Miss Edna Simmons. The radio skit gave the story of the book from the time it is ordered for the library until the borrower gets it. Each process was shown in pantomime while the announcer explained just what was changing the book from an ordinary to a library book. Miss Evelyn Peters, Supervisor; Miss Clarice Pearson, Xavier Prep Librarian, Miss Laura Tucker, Gilbert Academy Librarian, were guests. The principal, Mr. Albert J. Crocker, expressed appreciation of the program which developed so clearly the many and various activities "behind the scenes," in a library.

Dillard University

Miss Evelyn L. Pope, newly appointed librarian at Dillard, was recently graduated from Columbia Graduate School of Library Science. She was formerly librarian, Teachers College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Xavier University

Two educational films were shown during Book Week: Archives and Library of Congress both of the Washington Parade Series. "Found In a Book," a silent film produced by

a class of the University of Illinois Library School, was also shown to all the Freshmen classes. Librarians of the Dryades Branch of New Orleans, attended a preview Monday of Book Week films.

Sister M. Guadalupe, cataloger, has been replaced by Sister M. Concepta, Catholic University Library School, '40. Sister Guadalupe has returned to Chicago to organize the new, enlarged St. Elizabeth's High School Library.

Dr. Edward F. Murphy, S. S. J., Dean of Religion and Philosophy here, reviewed his latest book, "The Scarlet Lily," at a convocation, November 24th.

The book was awarded the Bruce-Extension prize last August. The story was released in serial form in Extension Magazine in October and in book form by the Bruce Press, November 15th. It is the story of St. Mary Magdalene. Film producer, David O. Selznick, has purchased the moving picture rights and according to present plans, the picture in technicolor will appear in March. Ingrid Bergman will be starred as Mary Magdalene in the movie version of "The Scarlet Lily." It is the Book of the Month selection for November of the Catholic Literary Foundation.

Sister Mary Redempta,
Librarian, Xavier University.

LIBRARY EXAMINERS HOLD EXAMINATION

The Board of Library Examiners of the Department of Occupational Standards of the State of Louisiana held a meeting and examination in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol on October 23, 1944.

The present members of the board are Miss Debora R. Abramson, chairman; Mrs. Ruth Reagan Baird, secretary, and Miss Sallie J. Farrell. Mrs. Baird was appointed in place of James A. McMillen, who resigned because of ill health, and Miss Farrell was appointed in place of John Hall Jacobs, who resigned when he entered the Navy.

Certificates were awarded to the following persons who took the examination on October 23: Miss Helen Dykes, Assistant, Tangipahoa Parish Library Demonstration, Hammond; Mrs. Rubie Hanks, Librarian, Winn Parish Library, Winnfield; Mrs. Lelah H. Lyle, Assistant, Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge; Miss Alice Songe, Librarian, Vermilion Parish Library, Abbeville; Mrs. Margaret B. Sprague, Librarian, Madison Parish Library Demonstration, Talulah, and Miss Mary Lee Torry, Librarian, Concordia Parish Library, Ferriday.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Executive Board of the L. L. A., at its meeting on September 16, considered the report of the Adult Education Committee and recommended that the Chairman be given a subscription to the *Inter-Council Newsletter*, that a page in the L. L. A. Bulletin be given for reporting on adult education activities, and that the committee be encouraged to bring about a meeting of the Louisiana Council on Adult Education to re-stimulate state-wide planning and activities in the field.

The file of *Inter-Council Newsletter* is being kept up, and in addition to this, the committee is accumulating information on adult education policy as stated by the American Library Association and other state and regional adult education groups.

In utilizing for the first time the page which has been given for this purpose, the Adult Education Committee is glad to present to the L. L. A. the statement recently issued to the A. L. A. Council, which might serve as a basic program on Adult Education Policy for Libraries in the immediate and post-war period:

ADULTS EDUCATION POLICY FOR LIBRARIES IN THE IMMEDIATE AND POST-WAR PERIOD

The demobilization of 11,000,000 service men and women, the shift of several million workers to non-war industries, and the assimilation of these two large groups, the re-conversion of industry, the re-establishment of a more normal family life, and the pressure of numerous disquieting issues of the day call for new levels of planning, study and action. These critical post-war problems can be solved only by the action of informed and thoughtful adults.

A library program must be keyed in a very definite sense to create thinking and discussion on these problems. It is not enough to stand as an agency which on call can supply reading and information.

The library must project its personnel and its books into the planning and thinking of

the community as never before if the experience and knowledge represented in these resources are to have their effect on this planning and thinking.

The Program

In order to be effective as an educational institution the library must:

Extend the readers' advisory service, and expand and improve its general education program with provision of greater opportunities for self-education and group study and discussion;

Improve its services to present patrons and reach for the first time many members of the community both as individuals and as members of groups;

Provide leadership in presenting positive and objective materials on the issues and problems of the day;

Utilize audio-visual aids and other new type materials;

The Clientele

First and foremost the library must assist the discharged service man and displaced war worker to make economic, social and personal adjustments by providing the proper materials and guidance. Informal vocational education of the individual promises to be a long continuing activity of the library. The adjustments in family life can be materially aided by the proper use of library resources. Young people in making the psychological, vocational and social adjustments necessary to becoming responsible citizens can find invaluable aid and guidance in the library.

One of the ways by which the library can project itself into community life is through service to civic, church, labor, farm and other groups, which in turn find their best materials for discussion, study and film forums in the library.

The library must assist all of these and continue to emphasize service to the individual.

The Issues and Problems

Disturbing issues in the national scene are the source of possible trouble. Inter-

racial and intercultural strife threaten the nation at many points. The relation of the United States to all other countries, the relations of labor and management, and the relations of industry and government complicate the international, economic and political situation. Measures for the care and rehabilitation of veterans are receiving widespread attention. The war has aggravated changing conditions in marriage, home and family life and has created personality, character and emotional difficulties.

By finding and spreading reliable information on these topics, the library can do much to bring the public to a thoughtful consideration of them.

New Materials

Books, magazines and pamphlets can now be supplemented with pictures, sound films, filmstrips and phonographic recordings. It is expected that new types of training booklets will be available soon as a result of military and industrial experience. The development of easily readable books for the mature reader with limited formal education is expected and should be made available in quantity. New methods in distributing pamphlet and paper books will increase the library's sphere of influence.

Methods and Resources

Increasing the emphasis on educational activities will require a careful re-examination of each activity, operation and service in the library. It may be necessary to reassign some staff members so that there will be available those who can give personal guidance in reading and study, and those who can extend the services beyond the library's walls. In addition an effective presentation of an adequate library program should make it possible to secure additional funds to carry on each invaluable service.

Librarians organizing the materials of the library should emphasize, where possible, reader interests as opposed to a formal and logical system of arrangement.

For the most effective and efficient results the library should not operate alone, but participate in community activities, especially in

adult education councils. Libraries are in a strategic position to initiate these councils.

CONTINUING SELF-EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. THE LIBRARY IS POTENTIALLY THE BEST SINGLE SOURCE FOR INFORMAL SELF-EDUCATION.

Debora A. Abramson, Chairman,

Adult Education Committee

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago has announced several fellowships and scholarships for the 1945-46 academic year.

Three fellowships of \$1,000 each are offered for advanced study leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The following attainments are required of applicants for fellowships:

(a) Possession of a four-year Bachelor's degree equivalent to that conferred by leading colleges and universities.

(b) Completion of at least one year in an accredited library school.

(c) At least one year of library experience under approved conditions. Special consideration will be given to publications and manuscripts showing ability to conduct original studies.

Two full-tuition (\$300) and two half-tuition (\$150) scholarships are offered for professional study leading to the Bachelor of Library Science degree. Application for scholarships may be made by persons with four years of successful college work in accredited institutions, who are eligible for a one-year program of study. Application may also be made by persons with two years of successful college work, who are eligible for a three-year program combining study in general college subjects and librarianship.

Applicants for fellowships and scholarships should write to the Graduate Library School, The University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois. Fellowship applications must be in the hands of the Dean of the Graduate Library School by March 10, 1945, and scholarship applications by June 1, 1945.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY SCHOOL

Scholarships and Assistantships, 1945-46

Several scholarships and assistantships will be available for graduate students in Library Science at the University of Illinois for the academic year 1945-46. Candidates must hold an A.B. degree from an accredited college and a degree or certificate for the first year of professional study in librarianship from an accredited library school. Applications should be addressed to R. B. Downs, Director, University of Illinois Library School, Urbana, Illinois.

The Katharine L. Sharp Scholarship, maintained from the income of an endowment fund established by the Alumni Association, provides a stipend of \$300 for the year and exemption from tuition fees. Applications for this scholarship should be filed no later than February 15, 1945. Announcement of the award will be made on April 1.

University scholarships carry a stipend of \$350 and exemption from the payment of the usual tuition. They are open only to candidates who are not over thirty years of age at the time when the appointment is to be made. Applications must be filed no later than February 1, 1944. Successful candidates will be notified on April 1.

Assistantships in various departments of the University Library and in some departmental libraries will also be available to graduate students. Three-quarters time appointments require thirty hours of work per week and pay a monthly salary of \$109.50; half-time appointments require twenty hours of work per week and pay a salary of \$73 per month. The length of time required by the student to complete the requirements for the M.S. degree varies with the individual, but usually does not exceed two years. Applications should be filed as soon as possible and no later than May 1, 1945. Appointments will be announced on June 1.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

"I am no longer chairman of this group," says Miss Templet, "and so far as I know, the group has not met in two years."

CONVENTION CANCELLED

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the Registration Committee, Miss Anna Davis, as Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, and Miss Elizabeth Cammack, as Chairman of the Exhibits Committee, have already worked hard to insure the success of the convention. The Publicity Committee, of which Miss Marie Mamalakos of the Southwestern Louisiana Institute Library, is chairman, and the Program Committee, of which Miss Elizabeth Johnson of the staff of the Louisiana Library Commission, is chairman, had done their share in putting the convention machinery to functioning.

There is no likelihood that there will be a 1945 meeting of the Association. Whether the officers and committee members will hold over, or whether a new administration can be installed without meeting of the membership of the Association, is not now decided, although some effort will be made to sound out sentiment in this regard. Also, some official provision must be made for the publication of the *Bulletin*, which now is most important as a written medium of communication among the membership.

My message to you, written last month and urging attendance at the Hammond meeting, ended with this sentence: "All of us together gathered in Hammond can make plans, the realization of which will make Louisiana library history." Now, I should like to have ring in your ears these lines from a Robert W. Service poem:

"Carry on! Carry on!"

Fight the good fight and true;

Believe in your mission, greet life with
a cheer;

There's big work to do, and that's why
you are here.

Carry on! Carry on!"

LOMA KNIGHTEN, President.

Contributions for the pages of this Bulletin are welcomed. Send in your news items or suggestions to the Editors. Help us to make this YOUR magazine. The next number will be the March issue.